GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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POOR LIFTING OF FOODGRAINS BY STATES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States are not lifting foodgrains allocated to them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of wheat and rice allocated to and lifted by the various States during the last three years and till date;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Union Government for lifting of the foodgrains;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action Union Government propose to take, if States fail to lift the foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN))

(a): A quantity of 65.52 lakh tonnes of foodgrains(Rice and Wheat) has been lifted as against the allotment of 179.68 lakh tonnes during 2001-2002(upto October 2001)

(b): The lifting of foodgrains (rice and wheat) by States/UTs under Targetted Public Distribution System(TPDS) depends on several factors, the most important being the parity between the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) and the open market prices; availability of foodgrains in the open market; purchasing power of Public Distribution System(PDS) consumers especially those belonging to the below poverty line (BPL) category; quality considerations; and the food habits of the people in different regions of the country.

(c): The quantum of wheat and rice allocated to and lifted by the various States during the last three years and in the year 2001-2002 is as follows:-

(In lakh tonnes)

	Allocation			Offtake		
Year	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
98-99	127.57	99.20	226.77	106.21	78.23	184.44
99-2000	137.25	101.75	239.00	111.89	56.18	168.07
2000-01	160.91	113.68	274.59	76.34	38.44	114.78
2001-02 up to October, 2001	100.02	79.66	179.68	42.40	23.12	65.52

(d)&(e): The allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs is done on bi-monthly basis with a validity period of 3 months for lifting of foodgrains.

(f): The offtake of foodgrains by States/UTs is being constantly monitored. If any request from the State Governments is received for extension of time for lifting the allotted quantities after the expiry of the validity period, the same is considered on merits and extension is given in deserving cases.